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CANADIAN MISSION IN LONDON
1, REGENT STREET, S.W.1.

April 7th, 1919.

Sir Robert Falconer, K.C.M.G., LL.D.,
University of Toronto,
TORONTO,
Canada.

My dear Sir Robert,

You are probably not aware I came over here from Washington with Mr. Lloyd Harris, when, on the signature of the Armistice, he resigned the chairmanship of the Canadian War Mission there, to accept, at Sir Robert Borden's urgent request, the chairmanship of this Mission, which was established by the Government of Canada to deal with the economic problems arising during the period of reconstruction. The Mission has had very gratifying success in its negotiations with the Government of the United Kingdom and with the Governments of European countries in which economic factors play such an important part in the Peace settlement.

Mr. Lloyd Harris has been fortunate in securing the assistance of Mr. Sydney Walton, who gave his services to Lord Rhondda, and to his successor, the Right Hon. J. R. Clynes, at the Ministry of Food, and to whom is very largely given the credit for the success of the educational campaign which made the Ministry's work possible.

Mr. Walton is most anxious for a continued flow of opinion through the press from public men throughout the Empire and he asks me to write you enquiring whether you would be good enough to let him have an article on the position of the New Canada in the economic and political problems which affect the Empire and the world at large. He feels that the publication of such an article in this country would have a most valuable effect in stimulating British interest in the part which Canada can and should play at this time.

Yours faithfully,

Charles Armstrong

Captain.

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April 19th, 1919

Captain C. Armstrong,

Canadian Mission in London,

4 Lorent Street, S.W. 1.

Dear Captain Armstrong:

Your letter has just reached me and I am glad to know that the Canadian Mission has had such gratifying success in its negotiations with the Government of the United Kingdom and the Governments of the European Countries.

In regard to your request for me to write an article for your educational magazine I would be glad to do so, but I do not feel myself competent to handle such problems as you suggest. I am afraid that my knowledge of economic conditions is too limited for me to write anything that would be of value. If, however, a general article on the changes that have been introduced into Canada by the war as they affect the position in the world would be of any value I shall be glad to write something. Should this be your judgment, will you let me know how long the article should be and when you would want it ?

Yours sincerely,

President.